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For: METHOD FOR TESTING INTEGRITY OF )  
ELECTRICAL CONNECTION OF A FLAT )  
CABLE MULTIPLE CONNECTOR )  
ASSEMBLY )

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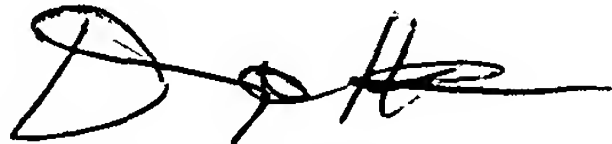
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